



Official Signal Corps Photo
MISS POPULARITY AND HER ASSISTANTS... Flashing their very best victory smiles, the three proud winners of the "Miss Popularity" contest just concluded at the Army Hospital at Torrance now are accepting congratulations by the score from the disabled servicemen and civilian personnel that voted them top honors. The crown of "Miss Popularity" herself was awarded to golden-haired Ginger Shields (center), Long Beach, who is employed in the hospital's Peace Exchange. Close runners-up to the queen were Nikki Froberg (left), Torrance, who is assigned to the hospital's infirmary office, and Miss Joan Barnes (right), Wilmington, who is secretary to the hospital's chief nurse.

Postoffice, Banks, Some Stores to Close Saturday

Torrance postoffice, like other public offices, banks and similar institutions and some markets, will be closed on Saturday, according to Postmaster C. Earl Comer.

Most Torrance stores, other than certain markets, will remain open on Armistice Day.

No local observance of the day has been announced by veterans' organizations, as the Torrance Herald goes to press.

RESTRAINER ACTION SEEN IN POKER ROW

Playing at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Country Club, sponsored by Torrance Post No. 3251, was stopped by the V.F.W. on Saturday morning and will not be resumed until a decision is made on the future program of the organization.

The club was operating draw poker tables, and playing of the game was ruled illegal by city ordinance which went into effect recently. The veterans were attempting to raise money for their veterans' service fund to help returning soldiers secure the right of benefits of their service, and they filed a petition with the City Council Oct. 30 asking that the ordinance be reconsidered or that the whole matter be referred to the voters at the next general city election.

The petitions contained 501 signatures, 479 of them valid, but no action was taken because City Attorney J. E. McCall ruled the filing of the petitions did not comply with the state law.

Supplementary petitions were filed on last Saturday containing 87 more names, and playing was voluntarily stopped by the V.F.W. post.

Consideration has been given by the operators of the country club and the veterans post sponsoring it as to the next step.

Police Chief John Stroth told the operators they would be stopped by law if they continued to play illegal games in violation of the city ordinance.

Filing of a petition for writ of mandate or a restrainer action to enjoin city officials from interfering with operations of the club until after the status of the ordinance and petitions is decided in court is under consideration, according to James O'Toole, V.F.W. service officer.

Torrance Rotary Club Will Observe 20th Anniversary At Big Dinner-Dance Tonight at Palos Verdes Club



Twenty years ago this month a small group of Torrance business, professional and industrial leaders organized the Torrance Rotary Club, which on Nov. 6, 1924, was chartered as Club No. 1847 by Rotary International. The Torrance club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of San Diego.

Of the original 21 charter members only three remain active in the club. They are Fay L. Parks, Sam Levy and Charles V. Jones, all of whom are past presidents. They are the committee appointed by President Otto Willett to stage the 20th Anniversary dinner-dance which will be held this evening at Palos Verdes Country Club. Invitations have been sent to all former club members.

James B. Hines, first club president in 1924-25, had accepted an invitation to be master of ceremonies at tonight's party, but in a telegram received yesterday, Hines stated that affairs at his office would not permit him to leave. He heads a financial institution in San Diego. So the M. C. role will be taken over by Sam Levy, assisted by W. Harold Kingsley, a past president and former partner of Grover C. Whyte of the Torrance Herald. Kingsley is now director of public relations for the California State Teachers Association.

In 1924 when Hines was selected to head the new club he was president of the former State Exchange bank in Torrance, which later was absorbed by the Bank of America. Hines now heads a financial institution in San Diego.

Other charter members and first officers of the club for the year 1924-1925 were Wilfred Tol, vice president; W. R. Page, Walter A. Renn and W. Harold Kingsley, directors; W. L. Booth, P. A. Christiance, H. H. Dolley, Donald Pindley, J. S. Hanson, Dr. B. A. Hoag, Carl L. Hyde, Rev. Ben Lingenfelter, Roy W. McFarland, John W. McMillan, Fred Palmer and Hurum E. Reeve. They held their first meeting in a little storeroom on El Prado opposite the Herald building on Oct. 3, 1924, and the club was formally dedicated on Dec. 18 the same year.

In the past 20 years, the Torrance club has grown in membership, excepting during the depression when only 18 members remained active. The present membership is 56.

TORRANCE AND LOMITA GIVE ROOSEVELT BIG MAJORITY; THOMAS WINS

Torrance voters favored the return of President Roosevelt to the White House for a fourth term by almost a two to one vote, according to complete unofficial tabulations from the 17 local precincts made by the office of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

The Torrance vote was:

Roosevelt	2921
Dewey	1580

Lomita precincts gave President Roosevelt a slightly higher majority over Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Republican nominee, the 12 precincts there registering:

Roosevelt	2407
Dewey	1131

A total vote of 4591 out of a 5514 registration was cast in Torrance and 3594 in Lomita.

Out of the 32 precincts handled out of the Torrance city clerk's office, two went for Governor Dewey for president, Precinct 5, located at 1322 E. Gracia ave., of Torrance, giving Dewey 105 votes and Roosevelt 101.

Precinct No. 9 of Lomita, Rolling Hills district, gave Dewey 238 votes and Roosevelt 108.

Senator Sheridan Downey in his race for re-election to the United States Senate against Lt. Gov. Frederick Houser, had a slightly less edge over the Republicans.

In Torrance he polled 2632 votes to Houser's 1637.

In Lomita, Downey polled 2181 votes to 1204 for Lt. Gov. Houser.

Thomas Wins

Assemblyman Thomas was returned to office by substantially the same vote, polling 2580 votes in Torrance against 1302 for Clifton Hix, San Pedro attorney and Republican nominee in the local 68th district.

Lomita gave Thomas 2202 votes to Hix 975.

Representative in Congress Cecil R. King was unopposed and he polled 2986 votes in Torrance and 2485 in Lomita.

Torrance voters turned down Proposition No. 11, the retirement payment, \$60 at 60 bill, by a vote of: Yes 1425, No 2597.

Lomita turned in a similar rejection vote, with 1171 voting "Yes" and 2006 "No."

Proposition No. 12, the so-called "right to work" amendment, was more decisively defeated, the Torrance vote being: Yes 1425 and No 2597. Lomita gave 865 votes to No. 12 and 2561 against the measure.

Associate Justice B. Rey Schauer of the State Supreme court and Presiding Justice Minor Moore and Walter Desmond of divisions two and three of the District Court of Appeal, Second Appellate district, received about 90 percent majorities in both Torrance and Lomita.

In the contested race for Judge of Superior Court office No. 17, Judge Stanley Mosk received 2298 votes in Torrance and LeRoy Dawson 1244 votes. In Lomita, Mosk received 1863 votes and Dawson 981 votes.

The Torrance vote on other propositions was:

No. 1, Veterans Bond Act of 1943: Yes 2935, No 377.
No. 2, Taxation, Veterans Exemption: Yes 2760, No 618.
No. 3, Constitutional Officers Compensation: Yes 1427, No 1382.
No. 4, Taxation Exemption of Religious, Hospital and Charitable Organizations: Yes 2045, No 1330.
No. 5, Public Officers and Employees Reinstatement after (Continued on Page 5)

TORRANCE'S WAR CHEST CAMPAIGN IS LAGGING; H. R. LEE URGES ACTION

Torrance is moving "slowly but inevitably" towards the completion of its War Chest campaign with \$32,304 in hand, the aggregate of 3,695 contributions, 66 percent of goal, reported by H. R. Lee.

Lee states the campaign in the residential districts still is going slow, with only 23 percent of its \$1,952.00 quota, although three of the nine majors there have made excellent returns.

Army Hospital Will Observe Anniversary

The first anniversary of Torrance's Army Hospital is due to fall on next Wednesday and appropriate ceremonies to mark the date will take place at the time, according to an announcement released by Lt. Robert M. Ecton, the hospital's special service officer.

From its inception last year as a bare and rather grim-looking facility, sitting forlornly on a barren tract of open land, the hospital in a year's time has been transformed into an attractive, efficiently-run and comfortable facility of which its staff of military and technical personnel are extremely proud. The year's record of achievement seems to call for a celebration on the anniversary day, according to Col. Stanley W. Matthews, commanding officer, and November 15 will witness the gala events.

The program will begin with an informal open house for all hospital personnel to be held in the Red Cross hall starting at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Refreshments will be served at this time, and this in turn will be followed by the next event which will be Colonel Matthews' official invitation of greeting and welcome to the large number of participants and guests. This will take place in the open area in front of C-ramp, where the afternoon's entertainment will be presented from a huge outdoor stage that is being constructed for the event under the auspices of the hospital's special service department.

By this time, the personnel of the hospital will have been augmented by large deputations from the Port of Embarkation and from Camp Ross and Camp Anza, in addition to numerous official guests. This will also be the occasion when Ginger Shields, the winner of the "Miss Popularity" contest, will be awarded her crown of victory. All the guests present will be invited to sign an anniversary register and receive a pamphlet describing the year's progress (Continued on Page 7-A)

Father Bauer Going to New Pastorate

Father Joseph L. Bauer, for four years almost to the week pastor of the Church of the Nativity in Torrance, is leaving this parish and will go to the Church of Our Divine Saviour at N. Figueroa and Avenue 28, Los Angeles.

In his new pastorate he will have charge of a parochial school as well as the church and rectory in a parish almost twice the size of that of Torrance.

Father Bauer, who came to Torrance from Saint Kevin's parish, Los Angeles, has directed the activities of the Church of the Nativity through a trying period during which the church debt of \$18,000 was cleared, more than \$10,000 worth of improvements were added to the edifice, including the new windows, statues, fonts, paintings, as well as the \$2,400 improvement to the rectory and the membership in the parish has almost doubled.

In his four years in Torrance, Rev. Fr. Bauer has taken an active leadership in many worthwhile activities in this community, both in civic betterment and spiritual development. He has a wide circle of friends here, many of whom are not members of the Catholic church. All who knew him have indicated their regret at his transfer and are wishing him well in his new pastorate.

Rev. Fr. Bauer has requested the Herald to express his gratitude for the friendly cooperation he has enjoyed among Torrance people. He explained that time did not permit him to say farewell to many of his friends here, but that he wished them to know of his kindly wishes toward them.

Rev. Fr. Patrick McGinnis of St. Francis parish in Azusa has been assigned pastor of the Church of the Nativity.

PARENTS POINT OUT NEEDS OF TORRANCE SCHOOLS IN NEW ORGANIZATION DRIVE

What do other schools of the Los Angeles city school system have which Torrance taxpayers have paid millions of dollars to buy that Torrance school children do not have in the Los Angeles operated local schools?

Amid growing sentiment for "Torrance Schools for Torrance Children," this question was asked by a local mother, a Torrance property owner, as preparations were being made for the public meeting to be held in the City Hall on Nov. 21, at 8 p.m.

The inquiry, addressed to the Torrance Parents Association organization committee by Mrs. Irene Lewis, 816 Anapola ave., enumerated the following benefits which Torrance children should have and could have had if the money paid by Torrance taxpayers was spent in Torrance for Torrance schools instead of being spent in other parts of Los Angeles' big system at a rate as high as \$2.00 paid for \$1.00 spent in Torrance:

1. A boys' gymnasium with adequate facilities to keep the younger junior high boys and older senior high school boys separate.
2. Adequate girls' gymnasium locker facilities and dressing rooms.
3. A permanent and adequate cafeteria and sheltered tables to keep the children out of the weather.
4. A swimming pool which, like the gymnasium, could be used to serve the community in vacation and after school to keep the children off the streets.
5. Separate senior and junior high schools.

This is just a partial list, Mrs. Lewis pointed out, other suggestions being for adequate classroom facilities and provision for vocational instruction on a wider scale—this being an industrial city.

Representatives of every local civic organization and all other individuals interested in "Torrance Schools for Torrance Children" are being invited to the meeting in notices sent out this week, according to members of the organization committee, Mrs. H. E. Carr, Mrs. A. G. Bartlett, Mrs. Margaret M. Palmer and Mrs. Lewis.

"This will be strictly a Torrance meeting," Mrs. Carr said, "and those seeking to impose (Continued on Page 4)

Torrance Rain During Week Is .39 of an Inch

Rainfall in Torrance during the storm of this week reached a total of .39 of an inch, according to figures of Fire Chief J. McInister.

The rainfall Saturday night and Sunday, which was accompanied by a heavy thunderstorm, was measured at .36 of an inch.

On Tuesday .02 of an inch fell and yesterday .01 of an inch was measured.

Total for the season is 10.99 inches against a total of 12.60 for last year.

LOCAL BUS LINES VALUED AT \$19,000

Torrance Municipal bus lines have been appraised by auditors at approximately \$19,000, according to word given to the City Council at a special conference meeting on Monday afternoon attended by Charles F. Koors, former city transportation engineer, who has offered \$20,000 for the lines.

The appraisal was based on actual inventory of the assets of the bus lines, according to those attending the meeting.

Manager C. Z. Ward presented a letter to the council from Gardena city bus lines that that city will revoke its agreement to allow Torrance buses to operate into Gardena if the Torrance system is sold out to a private operator.

The council will meet again in conference prior to the open hearing to be held on Tuesday night, probably on Monday, according to Councilman G. V. Powell.

Powell said that he still is in favor of selling the lines to the right party at the right price, if a guarantee can be made that the community will get proper transportation facilities.

"It would be better to just break even or operate at a loss and have the community and the outlying districts served than to turn the bus system over to a private operator who would leave the community without adequate service," Powell said.

Koors, asked if he intended to raise his bid of \$20,000, already upped from \$14,000, said he was interested in buying the equipment but that the bus lines as a business is operating on a "bankrupt balance sheet." Councilman C. M. Gilbert, one (Continued on Page 4)

Red Cross Blood Bank

It can be blue or just American red! Some day some wounded soldier, sailor or marine will need your blood desperately—perhaps your son, brother, sweetheart, friend. This is your chance to be in the war.

Regular donors appear every ten weeks. More new donors are urgently needed at once!

Giving blood takes 45 minutes and causes slightly more discomfort than having your hair cut. Expert physicians and registered nurses attend you. Brief tests insure your fitness. Donors can be male or female, in good health, between 18 and 60 years old, weight not less than 110 pounds. Wear a short or loose sleeve. Have your normal meal four hours prior to your appointment.

Earn the right to wear a blood donor emblem! Phone the American Red Cross Blood Bank—Torrance 1524 for an appointment for Nov. 10, 8:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. Tell your friends—form a group and go together!

Many soldiers and sailors are giving all their blood for you! Can't you spare a pint for them?

Torrance and San Pedro High Meet Friday

Torrance High's grid eleven again meets San Pedro next Friday on the Torrance field.

Last time the Tartars met the Pirates they were defeated 12-6. This week they are looking forward to an upset. Several players were injured last week in the fracas at Banning but about all of them will be back.

According to the score of last week's game the Tartars should have a fair chance against three loser San Pedro. The only team they have beat so far is Torrance, when several of local players were laid up from injuries. Banning took Pedro 12-0 while Torrance was defeated by Banning 7-2. According to this it should be a pretty good game, the fans say.

CHILD DARTS INTO STREET; FATALLY HURT

Coroner's inquest into the traffic accident death of Marjorie Graves, 4, of 1651 W. 203rd st., who died in a local hospital Saturday night soon after being struck down in front of her home by an automobile, was to be held today at Stone & Myers.

According to police reports, the child darted from the curb into the path of an auto driven by Wilson E. Stesson, 40, of Inglewood. She was hurled to the pavement by the impact. She suffered a brain concussion and numerous fractures. She died at 9 p.m., without recovering consciousness.

Graves' services will be held at Holy Cross cemetery Friday at 11 a.m.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Graves and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Graves of Ochevodon, Iowa.

The family home is in an area of the Los Angeles shoeing strip unsupervised by police, and is not in Torrance, it was pointed out.

The child was the second one hit by a car in the street within a week in that tract, the first one escaping without serious injury. Playing in the street has been permitted by parents, without their admonition to the children to stay in their yards, neighbors of the two children said, and no police activity to stem the practice has been noticed.

5-Year-Old Alone All Day Is In Custody

Neighbors complained, declares Juvenile Officer Frances Sowell of the Los Angeles Harbor Division who some days ago took custody of five-year-old Katherine Ludermil, found ascertained alone and unsupervised at the home of her working widowed mother, Nell Loudermilt, 1547 W. 204th st. Other children in the family are of school age.

Policewoman Sowell declared: "That child was left early in the morning and no one was there to take care of her until late at night; she had to get her own breakfast and lunch—if it can be said she had meals at those times."

The officer said she filed a "lack of supervision" complaint and did not arrest the mother but asserted the mother had been uncooperative.

"She kept me waiting far into the evening for her to come to the police station and help arrange for the child's future," Mrs. Sowell said. "She didn't come until the next day."

At last account the child was in juvenile court custody.

Older sisters, one 14, are employed and not in school. A boy, age 10, was in charge of the family, including other youngsters, but he was in school during the day. The five-year-old child was not admitted to school because a birth certificate could not be presented.

NEW PARK MAY BE NAMED FOR GASCOIGNE

Torrance's newest park, the one-acre plot at Torrance blvd. and Western ave., is developing more extensively than at first planned by Park Superintendent Fred Blake, and suggestions have been made that it be given a name—"Gascoigne Park," in memory of William Gascoigne, late superintendent of streets, who died recently.

The park is to be planted with grass and picnic tables instead under the shade of the fine trees in the area. Grading virtually has been completed.

Gascoigne was street superintendent since the city was incorporated until his death and worked in laying out Torrance long before incorporation. The name after him probably will be given to the City Council at its next meeting, it was said.

TO FILL PULPIT
Rev. B. H. Lingenfelter will fill the pulpit at the First Christian church Sunday morning at 10:45. Rev. Lingenfelter has a host of friends in Torrance and the church welcomes all visitors to hear him preach at the morning service.